

## A. S. SEER KILLS HIMSELF

SUICIDE IN THE OFFICE OF HIS PRINT-  
ING ESTABLISHMENT.

WORRY OVER HIS BUSINESS AND ANXIETY ABOUT HIS HEALTH SUPPOSED TO HAVE UNBALANCED HIS MIND—WELL KNOWN AS A THEATRICAL PRINTER.

A. S. Seer, whose name has been for many years familiar to every one who knew anything about theatres, committed suicide yesterday. He shot himself in the head in his private office, at

His place of business, No. 19 East Seventeenth-st. Mr. Seer was the pioneer in this city in his own special line of theatrical printing. He had been in business for thirty-five years. For a long time he did the best and most artistic work of the kind that was done, but more recently numerous other workers entered the field, and about equally fine printing was done by Mr. Seer and by rival firms.

The announcement of the suicide yesterday afternoon among those who knew Mr. Seer naturally caused much surprise, and at first it could not be understood what reason he could have had for taking his life. It appears, however, that those who were nearest to him, his wife and his

superintendent, had already feared that he might kill himself. His wife visited his office yesterday morning and had a long talk with him, in the course of which loud talking was heard. It afterward proved that Mrs. Seer had discovered that her husband had taken his pistol from home with him and she had come to try to get it away from him. She succeeded in doing so, but when he went out to luncheon he bought a new one.

It appears that the cause of the trouble was anxiety about his business, to which he had been constantly and scrupulously devoted himself, with the addition, perhaps, of worry about his health. It is believed that he would have one or two more such fits, and that he would have

**DYING IN HIS OFFICE.**

Mr. Seers was found just after he had shot himself by the superintendent of his establishment, Frederick Hegeman, and several of his clerks. This was about 3:15 o'clock, only a minute after they heard the report of a pistol shot. Policeman Rohrs, of the West Thirtieth-st. station, sent an ambulance call to the New-York Hospital. When found by Mr. Hegeman and his clerks, Mr. Seers was still breathing, but he died before the ambulance arrived.

Mr. Seers reached his office about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and those who came into contact with him thought he acted peculiarly then.

He, however, transacted some business up to 10:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Seers called upon him. He was closeted in his private office, with her for some time, during which loud talking, indicating a quarrel, was heard by the clerks. It was learned afterward that Mrs. Seers had discovered that he had taken his revolver from home, and fearing that he intended to commit suicide, she had gone to the office to get it from him. He denied having it at first, but she finally found it in his clothes closet and took it away.

After the departure of his wife, Mr. Seers met several customers and about noon went to luncheon, returning about 2 o'clock. At that interval it is supposed that he purchased a revolver, for the one with which he killed himself was found in his possession. Afternoon he met several customers and held a consultation with Mr. Hageman about several new contracts. At 3 o'clock he retired to his private office at 200 Broadway, where he remained until 4:30 p.m.

Fifteen minutes later a pistol shot was heard and a rush was made by the clerks to Mr. Seers' office, from which the sound came. Mr. Hegeman, who led, burst open the door and found his employer lying on his back with a bullet hole in his right temple. The hand that held the revolver was still in the air. Blood was trickling from the wound. One of the clerks rushed to the street and informed Policeman Rohrs, who sent in an ambulance call.

While awaiting the arrival of the ambulance, Mr. Hegeman called Mr. Muller, who was made

Deputy Coroner Huber viewed the body about 15 minutes later. After viewing the body, he drove to the Hotel Bayard, Broadway and Fifty-fourth-st., to inform Mrs. Seer of her husband's death. She accompanied Mr. Muller to the office and told those about her that she had feared her husband would take his life and, in consequence, had watched him carefully. She said her heartbroken and had to be led away by Mr. Muller.

Deputy Coroner Huber viewed the body and granted a permit for its removal to the Hotel Bayard.

**COULD NOT AGREE WITH HIS PARTNER.**

Mrs. Seer had been in business for thirty-five years without a partner. He was a man of

years without a partner. He is nervous temperament, and extremely melancholy at times. About a year ago he sold a quarter interest in the business to Joseph H. Tooker, jr., for \$7,000. Mr. Tooker is a son of Commodore Joseph H. Tooker, who controls the Metropolitan Printing Company. The men could not agree, so about three weeks ago, Mr. Seer bought back the interest and paid \$10,000 for it. The disagreement, it is said, affected him greatly, and made more frequent his melancholy spells. Mr. Muller, the executor, said that

Mrs. Seer's health had not been good, and that she had only recently returned from a Southern trip. Mr. Seer had been ordered to go South on account of his health, and this worried him. Mr. Seer left three letters, one to his wife, one to his superintendent and the other to his executor, Mr. Muller. Although none of them were made public, Mr. Muller said they all spoke of his business, of its good financial condition, and left instructions how it should be conducted in the interest of his wife.

Mr. Seer leaves two young children.

**TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.**

**San Francisco, Feb. 27.**—The White Star steamer *Loric* arrived last night direct from Liverpool. She was forty-two days between port and port, but having to anchor over night at San Francisco, the entire trip was made in forty-one days. The distance is 13,000 miles, which makes an average of over fourteen knots an hour.

**Fort Scott, Kan., Feb. 27.**—Last night the jury, in the case of the United States *ex. C. H. Race*, an ex-cashier of the Burlington (Kan.) National Bank, who was charged on twenty-eight counts with embezzling the bank's funds, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant and he was discharged. The case of the United States *ex. H. G. Jarboe*, ex-president of the bank, who was charged on twenty-eight counts with probably being dismissed, the same charges with Jarboe, will probably be decided to-morrow.

**St. Louis, Feb. 27.**—Hutchins and Hinckley, the two men who caused the telegraph companies to suspend service to the South, were arrested to-day by the St. Louis police.

much annoyance in St. Louis last year, and was sentenced to three months, quishing in jail at Dayton, Ohio, for five months, pleaded guilty to the charge of tapping wires yesterday, and were sentenced to three months in the penitentiary.

Buffalo, Feb. 27.—Burglars entered the house of Henry Kretzner, at No. 623 Carroll-st., some time Monday night or early Tuesday morning, and, after chloroforming him, carried away \$150 in cash, and diamonds to the value of \$250. There is no clew to the thieves.

Centralla, Ill. Feb. 27.—Examination of the books of the former secretary of the Centralla

**Building and Loan Association**, has been finished. It is found to be short \$4,232. The bank left the country, and the association is left with the loss. The country, it is said, will cover the loss. The local bondmen have an indemnity from the bank. From Moore & Co., Chicago.

**Carriage, Ill.**, Feb. 27.—H. R. Dickinson, a lumber dealer, of Hamilton and a member of the late lumber firm of Dickinson & Bartlett, of Carthage, has failed. Assets: \$10,000. Liabilities: \$20,000. Assets, \$10,000. Hamilton; liabilities, \$20,000; assets, \$10,000.

**Pittsburg**, Feb. 27.—John A. Wolfe and daughter were drowned last evening in the *Youghiogheny River* at Smith's house. The body of the girl, who was 15 years of age, has not yet been recovered. Wolfe, in his haste to reach home, determined to ford the river, instead of driving across the bridge. The car was stuck in the running field of ice, which he left against the wheels, overturning the vehicle.

**Detroit**, Feb. 27.—The three-story brick building on No. 16 to 18 Jones-st., occupied by the Detroit Automobile Co., was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock. The building was insured by the Michigan Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Detroit.

10 o'clock this morning. The loss, which will reach \$50,000, is fully covered by insurance.

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